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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for washing, disinfecting, or sterilizing an object, the system comprising:

first station adapted and configured to house the object ~~without immersing the object~~; sonicator adapted and configured to impact the object in the first station with ultrasonic energy;

liquid transporter adapted and configured to circulate at the first station and spray around and against the object wash composition, antimicrobial composition, rinse composition, or to circulate and spray a plurality of these compositions ~~without immersing the object~~; and dryer adapted and configured to dry the object.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the sonicator is adapted and configured to provide ultrasonic energy from a point at the first station.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising holder at the first station, the holder being adapted and configured for supporting the object, and wherein the sonicator comprises ultrasonic probe at the first station and adjacent position taken by the object in the holder.

4. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the sonicator comprises irrigated probe.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the sonicator is adapted and configured to provide ultrasonic energy throughout fluid at the first station.